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DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

For President, WILLIAM J. BRYAN.
For Congress, 7th District, CLAUDE DUVAL.
For Senator, 25th District, GEORGE B. ROSS.
Barton County Ticket.
For Representative, M. W. COBURN.
For County Attorney, JAS. W. CLARKE.
For County Sup't, B. J. HENNESSY.
For District Clerk, W. B. LEWIS.
For Probate Judge, W. P. FIDEL.
For County Printer, D. T. ARMSTRONG.
For Commissioner, 2nd Dist., S. S. SLATFOCK.

THE REPUBLICAN PLATFORM.

As a whole, the Republican platform is a spiritless production. The "ringing" declarations which are commonly supposed necessary to a document of this kind are conspicuous by their absence. It seems to have been the aim of the framers to avoid emphasis or energy, and not court criticism by too great clearness.

It is commercialism from beginning to end. The plank on trusts may mean anything, or nothing, according to the needs of debate. That it means something no one will have the courage to maintain. The humbug of it all is apparent when in the next paragraph protection, "the mother of trusts," is proclaimed as the source of all good things. Mark Hanna's ship subsidy scheme is not forgotten, being the unseen life of rambling clause which argues that it would be a good thing to have an American marine.

The civil service plank is calculated to make the nation gay. Mr. McKinley took some 10,000 Government offices out of the protected lists and threw them open to the spoilsmen. But "the policy of the Republican party in maintaining the efficiency of the civil service" is commended. Even more grotesque is the commendation of the Administration for its efforts to secure for the public service in Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines "only those whose fitness has been determined by training and experience." With Rathbone and Neeley fresh in the public memory this sounds like irony.

The "colonial" plank reads like an abandonment of the principles of political liberty. But it may be explained away.

Altogether the platform is a shrewd bit of work. The men who framed it knew what they were about. They did not propose to have any definite announcement of policy made in the platform which might rise up to rebuke them at inopportune times. Their one desire is to have a free hand. With this they can go on with their schemes of syndicate politics unrestrained by any considerations of consistency or political principle. But the strength of the appeal to interest in the claim of prosperity-making legislation and the proposal to exploit the East and West Indies must not be underestimated.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

The only kind of anarchy possible in this country is designing aristocracy, backed by epough misguided, bribed and intimidated industrial people to fight its battles. Let the men and women whose hard hands and toilsome lives move all the

wheels and bear all the burdens of the world's work, stand together as one man, preserve the order and peace of society, and the cruel encroachments of monopolies, aristocracy and "strong government" will come to a bloodless and sudden end. Otherwise, the "King's guard" and the "armed posse" are already at your door, charged with the suppression of liberty, the murder of the helpless, and the execution of the iron behests of trusts and syndicates.—Word and Works.

EVERY argument the republican papers make in behalf of Mr. Campbell staying in the congressional race (and they all are full of such argument) should be that much more reason why Mr. Campbell should pull off. If the two men stay on the chances for defeating Long are slim. If but Claude Duval opposes Long the "me too" cuckoo, who has, in his own estimation, grown so much bigger than his district, will be defeated. If Campbell and his friends want Long defeated as bad as the democrats of the district for the past ten years have wanted the republican candidates defeated, then Mr. Campbell will recognize the true merits of the situation and put his declination in the hands of his committee in the same manner that Mr. Duval put his fate in the hands of the democratic committee. In our judgement there is no doubt but what the populist committee would be glad to see Mr. Campbell willing to work with them for the real good of the district. He cannot do this by totally ignoring the committee of his party, as it appears he has done so far. The opinions of the 30 to 40 members of the populist committee, representing as they do, and being familiar with, the situation in every county in the district, will certainly come nearer being the opinion of the average voter than that of Mr. Campbell, as a candidate Mr. Campbell, without consulting his committee, says "I'll withdraw; but I must dictate what shall be done by the populists and democrats." Mr. Duval says: "I place my candidacy, and the entire matter as to the future, in the hands of the committee." Which has been the course of the statesman?

THE Roosevelt and McKinley ticket does not enthrone the republicans to any marked extent. The general impression prevails that the head is on the wrong end of the concern; that the tail is liable to wag the balance of the affair to a ridiculous extent. No wonder Teddy begged of them not to use him as a stool-pigeon, knowing as he undoubtedly did, that New York is not for McKinley this year, whether he (Teddy) is on or off the ticket.

Disguise the fact as much as they may, the republican party of today is leagued together with the large monied interests of the land to eventually enlarge the standing army of the United States, and put us upon the footing of militarism. How do the Germans, the Austrians, the Russians who have left the mother country largely because of oppressive militarism and settled in this republic of the United States, like the idea of placing this country in the same condition, so far as military service is concerned, as the countries they have left? Will you be blindly led to endorse this policy of the republican party by voting for and assisting to place that party again in power? That party will deny its intention of encouraging militarism; just as they denied their intention

tion to tie this country up to a single monetary standard; but put them in power another four years and see how quickly they will follow up the plans for a large standing army, for conquest, for imperialism. Every move on the checkerboard of events has been with that end in view. With all the money controlling power invested in the banks, and a strong military force at the back of the banks, human votes would count for nothing, and individual rights would be no more.

A CLERGYMAN recently returned from a visit to the Philippines, where he had spent much time investigating the true situation of affairs there, said, in an address delivered before the graduating class of a San Francisco college: "Today we are in the twentieth century, where Europe was in the seventeenth. It is surely an age of hypocrisy. We stand up before the world and talk of freedom and liberty and the stars and stripes and all that they represent, while at the same time we murder and rob those whom we have come to set free—robbed as they never were robbed by those whom we were pleased to call their oppressors. In the name of humanity we shoot down men whose only crime is that they are defending their homes and native land. Because we are manacled with chains of gold we look upon the greatest crime the world has ever seen without effort to prevent the terrible slaughter that is going on." It is needless to state that this gentleman was not sent to the Philippines by the McKinley administration for the purpose of bringing back a whitewashed report. He is a free American citizen, expressing himself untrammelled by political influence or prejudice.

DURING this busy time in Kansas, when all nature smiles upon the sturdy tillers of the soil and a bounteous return for labor is assured, we may not be disposed to give much attention to political matters. But events of moment to us all are happening rapidly; the mercenary are never idle; they toil not, neither do they spin," but they scheme, they plan, they shape the course of nations to their mercenary ends. If the people be busy and happy, why then, forsooth, the people have no time to watch political matters; and therefore then is the time for the schemers to get their work in. Every day, under the direction of an administration given over body and soul to the control of the "mercenaries," the United States government is getting deeper in the mire of foreign complications with only the advancement of the interests of speculators and money changers in view. Wake up, people, and enter your honest protest against this nation discarding the principles for which our revolutionary fathers fought.

Peter Brack who trekked out to McPherson county twenty-five years ago and outspanned near Olmitz is worth \$200,000 and has \$50,000 in the bank in McPherson. Major W. L. Brown of Kingman is not the only farmer who seems to have forgotten that a Populist state administration spent several thousand dollars publishing a book to prove that farming could not be made to pay in Kansas. And there are others.—Hatchinson News, June 25.

The wonderful accuracy (?) of the above statement is characteristic of the News. The people who know Peter Brack and Major Brown will be surprised at the magnificent and masterly fidelity to truth; the overwhelming knowledge of circumstances; the deep, thoughtful, argument and good old republican Methodist christian spirit of honesty and fairness which Billy Morgan displays in his political com-

ments. Say, Billy, you make yourself more ridiculous every time you take your pen in hand to write.

The Dayal Ratification.
The introductory meeting for the opening of the congressional campaign at the auditorium was attended by a large enthusiastic and cultured audience. While the farmers are too busy at this season of the year to attend political meetings yet there was a goodly number of soil cultivators present at the meeting and returned to their homes late at night highly pleased with the entertainment.

Patriotic airs by Holaday's Band kept the large audience in a good humor until Mr. Frank Hettinger advanced to the front of the stage, called the meeting to order and with a brief and timely address set the ball rolling by introducing the glee club, a male quartet from Great Bend. It would be difficult to find four better looking young men anywhere and that part of the program assigned to them was filled to perfection, the delight of the audience manifested by continued cheering until they came to the front for another song. Following the glee club Ed. Hackney of Winfield was introduced to the audience by the chairman, and for an hour and a half held the audience in rapt attention.

Mr. Hackney is a young man, a clear thinker with the promise of a grand future before him. Last, but by no means least, Mr. Duval was introduced, arousing the applause was loud and long. They would appear for a moment to be quiet and then break out afresh with greater.

That Mr. Duval is deserving of this no one will deny that is fortunate enough in the pleasure of a personal acquaintance. Reliable and trustworthy. "His word is as good as his bond." To do business with him is a pleasure. His speech Saturday night was short but every sentence was a sledge hammer blow to the enemy, at the same time it was very respectful. Mr. Duval is not capable of bandying personalities and Mr. Long will have no occasion to complain of him on that score. His cause is just, otherwise he would not be a candidate.—Hutchinson Gazette (Populist).

Calls a McKinley Bluff.
Wichita, Kan., June 24th.—The Stanley family of Wichita is a house very much divided against itself. J. E. Stanley is an extensive merchant here, and, unlike the Stanley who is temporarily sojourning at Topeka, he is against the trusts, the money power, imperialism and all the other vicious doctrines that find a typical advocate in Mark Hanna.

J. E. Stanley is such an enthusiastic Bryan man that he tackled Frank Owens, who is his chief clerk, who is a republican, yesterday with this proposition: "If you have such faith in the re-election of McKinley will you work for me for nothing from now until election day if I agree to give you a double salary in case Bryan is defeated? I make that proposition to you now, and I'll give you two weeks to accept it."

Mr. Owens is now up against the real thing, and is rather inclined to overlook the proposition and stick to a sure income.—Kansas City Times.

German Turners Speak.
What a contrast is this declaration of the German Turners, who have just been in session in Philadelphia, to the un-American utterances of the National Republican Convention, in session in the same city:

We recognize the right of all people to defend with arms of warfare their liberty and independence. We consider every attempt through the methods of war at territorial expansion as opposed to civilization and as an act of brutal force. We condemn every effort to extend the blessings of civilization with sword and gun as one based upon hypocrisy and greed for gain. We protest against the policy of conquest of this government, and against every attempt toward expanding the dominion of the United States by force.

A number of readers were running in various parts of the county Sunday. The farmer cannot be blamed for working on the Sabbath day to save his rapidly ripening grain. There is so much of it to be cut, and the work is so slow on account of the tangled grain, that unless every minute possible is occupied much will go to waste.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

Engene Pinney is now located at Newburg, Oregon.

Arthur Miller was down from Pawnee Rock Saturday.

Women to assist in cooking for harvest hands are in demand.

C. R. Brooker came up from Cleo, Ok., arriving Sunday evening.

Dentist F. G. Smith, of Cladin, was over to the county seat Monday.

Murray Simpson, youngest son of Lou Simpson, came out from the east last week.

Stafford county will have a county fair at St. John August 29, 30 and 31st.

"The man with the pitch fork" has the right of way over "the man with the hoe."

Josh Miller, formerly of the south side, is up from Oklahoma to help in the harvest.

Linus Scherer, of Newton, visited young friends in Great Bend the first of the week.

Every day is Sunday, bye and bye." Then later see the wheat roll into market.

The total taxable valuation in Great Bend has been considerably increased over last year.

See the proceedings of the board of equalization, elsewhere in the DEMOCRAT of this week.

Mr. C. Samuels and wife arrived last Saturday, from Chicago, and will visit friends here for a while.

Will E. Carr of the March Mills, Hutchinson, spent Sunday in the city, the guest of E. L. Marx.

Dr. A. A. Sharpe was down from Larned Tuesday. He reports the Larned band open for 4th of July engagement.

Miss Jessie Grodie, book keeper for the Walnut Creek Milling Co., is making a visit to her folks at Emporia, Kans.

They say poison ivy will get a fellow who goes fishing on Sunday quicker than any other day in the week. Ask Norman Ream.

Theo. Tishner, fireman on the Great Bend & Scott branch, has moved his family up from Newton. At present they are stopping at Chas. Pressl's.

Mrs. G. H. Hulme, who has been suffering greatly of late with rheumatism, goes to Excelsior Springs, Mo., this week for a few weeks' treatment.

Paul Teskey last week sold his main street residence property to J. R. Baker, the grain man. Jake says he needed it as a residence for his engineer.

Wilmet McQuinn was last week put on the police force as an additional night watch, the business men are assisting in paying the expense of an extra man.

Mrs. My. Gilmore and daughter, Miss Floy, leave this week for Excelsior Springs, Mo. to spend the hot season and enjoy the beneficial waters of the famous Springs.

If we just had gathered into one pile all the wheat that is left on the ground to waste in Barton county this year we would consider ourselves as well fixed as any man in the county.

L. M. Kraus, who is now a wheat buyer at Alva, Ok., came up last week on a visit of a few days with his family. Leonard says the Oklahoma wheat harvest is about finished.

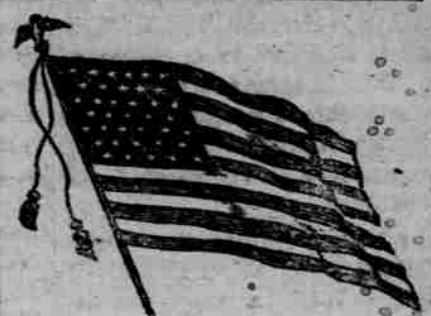
Great Bend's popular dentist, H. E. Lindas, has placed a neat, rotary fan in his dental parlors, and it is now a real pleasure to go there and have your teeth drilled into, pulled out or plugg ed up.

A hot lover: "I nugged her closer and closer to me! My red blood ran with heat intense! While the maddening flashes of love ran through me, like prairie fire through a barbed wire fence!"

A 2 where there should have been a 3 made us announce last week that the ladies of the Congregational church would serve ice cream in the park "June 20th," when it should have been "June 30th."

Joseph Spangler, accompanied by his son, Charles Spangler, came out last week from Summit county, Ohio, to look after land interests here and also make a visit with Dan'l Miller and family, in Buffalo township.

The ladies of the Eastern Star enjoyed quite a pleasant time, Monday evening. Among those present were the following people from Edinwood: J. R. Johnson and wife, Leo Beckemobile and wife, Mrs. H. E. Arnold, and Misses McCracken and Redfield.



AFTER THE ENGLISHMAN.

(Written for the DEMOCRAT.)
You lying, English poets I will ture;
Come with me, you and I will make a tour.
We'll allow no selfish English to obscure
The noble deeds of brave and honest Boer.
For Liberty they're fighting to the death,
For Freedom, ever chaste, and ever pure;
The very World is made to hold its breath,
In amazement at the bravery of the Boer.
Their tactics great, their courage peer with leg,
Their hips and trails they will yet endure;
In spite of English bait, and English beg,
The world still lauds the brave and righteous Boer.

A BOER SYMPATHIZER.

Great Bend has probably the youngest barber in the west. Freddie Pregal is not yet 14 years old, yet he holds his own with the older barbers and has a list of patrons who regularly seek his services. Freddie has been with the Seward & Barnett shop for some time. He learned the trade in the shop out of school hours. Being gentlemanly at all times, quick to make himself useful and attending strictly to what was set before him to do, he has gained the confidence and good will of his employers and has been given opportunities to learn his chosen trade that many other boys would not have been trusted with. We venture the prediction that the coming years will see Fred Pregal recognized as one of Great Bend's most successful and respected business men.

Mrs. W. E. Huttman and two sons, Henry W. and Fred, came up from Wichita last week. Henry returned home Monday, but Mrs. H. and Fred will visit in the city during the week. Mr. Fred Huttman has quite a state musical reputation. He favored the Congregational church at Sabbath morning services, and a upon meeting at the Methodist church in the evening with several magnificent tenor solos. Mrs. Huttman and son are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Zolavero.

Young men have come into Barton county from Iowa, Indiana, Ohio, Missouri, Wisconsin, Kentucky, Tennessee, Illinois, Colorado, Arkansas and various other states, to assist in the wheat harvest. These strangers are generally bright, intelligent young farmer boys, who take hold of the work in a manner that is pleasing to their employers. Occasionally one of them finds the work too hard, not being accustomed to labor in the hot sun.

With the exception of the "exceptions," the general public appear to accept with exceptionless unanimity the equalization of valuations made by the board of commissioners. The acceptability of the exceptionless part of the work is acceptably exceptional to all except a few who display exceptional ness toward the exceptions.

When one of the normalites, on Monday morning, branched out, upon the subject of "cruelty to animals," Supt. Harrison rather suspected that some "dog gone" busybody had been "telling tales out of school." But as the tail, and the dog with it, was then out, no personal reflections were intended.

The Rock Grain Co., J. R. Baker manager, has leased the Dickson & Moore elevator and will handle grain in both elevators this season. The old elevator, east of Main, has been repainted and otherwise improved, and the offices of the two elevators have been consolidated at the Main street stand.

M. R. Roblee, in the early days a resident of Great Bend, was in the city the first of the week. Mr. Roblee is now a commercial man with headquarters at Topeka. He says he has been all over the United States since leaving Great Bend and he has found no place so pleasant to live in as Kansas.

All Workmen should meet at the hall at 10:30 a. m., Sunday, July 1st, to march in a body to the Congregational church, where Rev. L. C. Schenck will deliver the annual sermon, at 11 a. m. The public cordially invited.

It has been a long time since a full grown man, with whiskers, was seen on the streets of Great Bend barefooted. This week two transients were about the city having only the foot-coversing which nature provided them.